

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 1-11, as follows:

As best seen in FIGS. 4, 5, and 6, ~~the section of~~ plate holes 5 ~~has~~ have an hourglass shape. The plate holes 5 are cut out of the bone plate 1 in a spherical shape, with both edges removed in a ~~frustoeconicaly~~ frustoconical shape. The easiest way to understand the shape of the plate holes 5 is to imagine two frustoconical holes connected by ~~its~~ their tips through a partial sphere. The inner wall of each plate hole 5 has a small number of isolated protrusions 6 (such as pegs or spikes), which can number ~~is within~~ from 2 and to 30, designed to lock against the threaded spherical head 8 of the screws ~~8~~ when the ~~said~~ screws 7 are driven in through the ~~said~~ plate holes 5. The protrusions 6 in the preferred embodiment are ~~somehow~~ somewhat flattened, having a width bigger than ~~its~~ their length.